AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

1.   (Currently amended) A ~~polyisoprene-containing~~ cosmetic composition, suitable for application to facial skin, lips and eyelashes, ~~by~~ comprising

from 2 to 25 % of <u>comminuted solid</u> polyisoprene with a molecular weight <u>of</u> between 100,000 and 4,000,000;

from 0.05 to 20% of oleophylic modified smectite clay:

from 1.1 to 90% of organic solvent;

the balance comprising conventional cosmetic excipients, colourants and additives, all percentages being by weight of the final composition.

2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein polyisoprene has a molecular weight of between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000.

3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oleophilic modified clay is disteardimonium hectorite.

4. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the oleophilic modified clay is present in an amount of 0.1-10% .

5. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic solvent is an aliphatic hydrocarbon with 12-22 carbon atoms.

6. (Original) A composition according to claim 5, wherein the organic solvent is isododecane.

7. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic solvent is present in

an amount of 10-80%.

8. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, further comprising from 0.5 to 20% of wax or silicone.

9. (Original) In a process for preparing a cosmetic composition, the step of using polyisoprene with a molecular weight of between 100,000 and 4,000,000.

10. (Withdrawn) ~~A method for preparing polyisoprene suitable for use in a composition according to claim 1, comprising comminuting a solid high molecular weight polyisoprene and mechanically degrading and depolymerizing the comminuted material in a high speed blade mixer to a lower molecular weight within the range of 100,000-4,000,000.~~